IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 9A, 9B, 10A, 10B, 11A, 11B, 12A, and 12B. These sheets, which include Figs. 9A, 9B, 10A, 10B, 11A, 11B, 12A, and 12B, replace the original sheets including Figs. 9A, 9B, 10A, 10B, 11A, 11B, 12A, and 12B.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

In the outstanding Office Action the application was noted in condition for allowance pending the correction of certain objections. Specifically, the drawings were objected to for informalities. Further, the Abstract and disclosure were objected to for informalities. The claims were objected to for informalities. Otherwise, claims 1-5 were noted as allowable.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the early indication of the allowable subject matter in the present application.

Addressing first the objection to the drawings, submitted with the present response are substituted Figures 9A, 9B, 10A, 10B, 11A, 11B, 12A and 12B are respectively reversed. The new drawings correspond to the original drawings except that certain figures are reversed. Specifically, original submitted Figures 9A and 9B are now reversed, and similarly with respect to original Figures 10A, 10B, 11A, 11B, 12A and 12B. The replacement figures are believed to address the outstanding objection to the drawings.

The disclosure is amended by the present response to address the objections thereto and a new Abstract believed to be in more proper format under United States practice is also submitted herein. Further, the noted objections to the specification at page 13 are believed to be obviated by the submission of the substitute figures.

The claims are amended by the present response based on the suggestions in the Office Action to address the objections noted in claims 1-5. In certain instances slightly different claim language is incorporated, but the incorporated claim language is believed to be consistent with the suggested amendments.

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As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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